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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert as the first paragraph of the specification the following new paragraph:

*¹ --This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/446,717, filed on April 13, 2000, now pending, which is, in turn, a 371 of PCT/EP98/03988, filed on June 30, 1998. Priority of both applications is claimed.--